Since outstanding dues from GEB had mounted and the GEB had not made arrangements to clear even the undisputed dues, linkages to GEB power Stations had at time been restricted to the extent of payments.

(e) The highest priority is accorded to the allocation and movement of coal to TPSs in the country including GEB, subject to transport and payment constraints. Coal supplies to power houses are regularly monitored at the level of Cabinet Secretariat once a fortnight and on daily basis by Railways and the coal companies and corrective action is taken whenever necessary to set up supply of coal.

(f) The future coal requirements of GEB will be met adequately subject to payment record and improving unloading performance by the power houses.

Coal companies dues against SEB's and power utilities

2024. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SEBs and power utilities owe large sums of money to the coal companies; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to recover this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The total accumulated outstanding dues from power sector as on 30.6.97 were Rs. 3127.98 crores out of which Rs. 1501.53 crores were undisputed.

(b) Following step have been taken by the Government/Coal India Ltd. to recover the outstanding dues from the State Electricity Boards;

(1) Coal India Ltd. (CIL) have been advised to supply coal to power utilities only agalnst advance papment or letter of credit. Cash and Carry Scheme is being implemented with greater rigour since 1.1.97.

(2) Coal India and its subsidiary coal companies have been persistently following up with the consumers in diverse sectors for settlement of dues.

(3) Recovery of dues by way of adjustment against energy bills is also being done in respect of certain power utilities. State Government have been requested to pursuade/enable SEBs to clear the outstanding dues at the earliest.

(4) Umpires have been appointed for resolving the disputed dues between the coal companies and SEBs.

(5) Government have recently decided to deduct outstanding dues as on 31.12.1996 of public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Power/Railway/Coal/Atomic Energy through Central Appropriation with the stipulation that the appropriation be restricted annually to a maximum of 15 per cent of the Central Plan Assitance for the concerned State irrespective of the number of years that it may take for the outstanding dues to be cleared.

Supply of coal to power station

2025. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal industry is forced to supply coal to the power stations even if payments for the same are not being made; and

(b) if so, how can the industry be financially viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) It is a fact that sometimes circumstances demand that the coal industry supply coal to power stations even though there are payments due from them.

(b) If large sums of outstandings continue to remain un-settled, it will have negative effects on the financial viability of the industry. The Government therefore have taken the following steps:—

(i) From 1-1-97 coal supplies shall be made only on 'Cash & Carry' scheme.

(ii) The Govt. have appointed Umpires to resolve disputes on outstandings as between coal companies and Electricity Boards.

(iii) Govt. have decided to deduct upto 15 per cent of the Central Plan Assistance of concerned States in order to settle dues outstanding against public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Power, Railways, Coal and Atomic Energy.

Workers participation in the management in units of coal industry

2026. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to tate:

a) whether workers' participation in nanagement scheme has been implemented in all public sector units of coal industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether production has increased ifter implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The scheme of workers' participation in management of public sector coal companies is broadly in conformity with the scheme of 1983 notified by the Government in so far as it relates to the levels of participation, subjects to be included for discussion and the method of arriving at a decision;

The joint participative consultative fora have been operating at the following levels:

(i) Corporate level

(ii) Subsidiary companies

(a) Company level

(b) Area level

(c) Colliery level

At corporate level:

All Policy matters relating wages and service conditions of employees, production productivity, cost, health, welfare, safety and all such policy matters which may have a direct bearing on the industry.

At other than corporater level:

Production, productivity, cost, heolth, welfare, safety and employees' grievances which may be raised from time to time.

(c) and (d) The partocipative approach to management at the area level and colliery level has made a basic contribution towards reduction in mandays lost due to strikes bandhs, etc. and has helped in the improvement of industrial relations climate in the organisation. These in turn have contributed to overall increase in production and productivity, as per details given below:—

	1995-96	1996-97 (Prov.)
Production (M.T.)	237.05	250.65
Output per man-shift (tonnes)	1.75	1.82

World Bank aided projects in coal mining

2027. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the areas for which there have been World Bank aided projects in Coal mining/industry since 1980;

(b) the project-wise aids, time frame for completion of projects, actual time taken and actual utilisation of aids;

(c) whether any performance budget have been prepared for these projects; if so, the actual benefits accrued to coal sector and the nation on account of these projects, vis-a-vis original benefits contemplated;

(d) if not, reasons thereof and whether there is no such stipulation in project conditions; and